

**Exeter Public Library
Trustees Meeting
November 27, 2018**

Present: L. Haslam, M. LaFreniere, D. Leonard, M. McEntee, B. Young, L. Wyskiel, H. Godino
Absent: S. Canty, L. Wilson

Call to Order: 6:01

Barbara opened the meeting with a roll call. She read a letter from Dick Tirrell-Wysocki, from the Nacky Loeb Center, thanking the library for allowing him to use Study A to interview Bob Azzi for an award.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The minutes of the October meeting were accepted with one correction; instead of “member” in the last paragraph, it should have been “members”.

Director’s Report:

Family Story Times for all ages are held every Monday at 10 am and Thursday at 11 am and are going very well and enjoyed by all. Preschool Story Times for ages 3 and older are held every Tuesday and Wednesday at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. Open art is held every Monday and Friday from 11:30-4:30 pm and is open to all ages. Materials and instructions are provided. This month we are adding 2 evening Story Times, the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm.

The children’s Book Groups met on November 10 and November 17 and discussed the following books.

Age 6	<u>The Tiny Geniuses Fly to the Rescue</u>
Age 7	<u>Press Start!</u>
Age 8	<u>Fortunately the Milk</u>
Age 9 & 10	<u>The Real McCoy’s</u>

The Lego Club for ages 8 and older meets the first Thursday of month at 4 pm. The theme for November was “Recreate a Dream” and in December the theme is to “Create Using Only One Color”. Beginning in January we will also have a Lego Club for children ages 5-8 on a different day.

The Hand Sewing Group meets the third Monday of month at 3:30 pm. The Girl Scout Troop, 13 girls, joined our current group of children in November in order to get their Sewing Badge. They have all decided to join the group since they had such a good time and would like to learn more.

We are holding an ongoing scavenger hunt in the Children’s Room from November 19 to December 1 with prizes for all the winners.

During Christmas vacation we will have Open Art from 10 am to 4:30 pm on all the days we are open plus some other surprise events.

Adult Book Group calendars for the 2019 season were released in November. The Morning Book Group meets the third Wednesday of the month at 10 am. They will meet on December 19th to discuss Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk. The Evening Book Group meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm and will discuss Evicted on December 12.

Tech Teach continues to draw seniors to the library for 45-minute sessions every 1st Monday and last Friday of the month. Our Adult Seasonal Craft Table invites adults to make festive fall pens to use all year long.

In observance of Veteran's Day, we hosted the DAR card signing for current and past members of the Military.

Teens continue to attend the library's Thursday after school program, EPL LOVES YA. In November teens celebrated Halloween with a Halloween Bash, wrote cards to veterans in honor of Veterans Day, watched the marvel film "Ant Man and the Wasp" and learned how to make meals in a mug.

In December EPL Teen Scene will host an Ugly Sweater Cookie Contest, have a Hot Cocoa tasting, host a craft night for holiday gifts and have a "Peanuts" movie winter fest. All of these events were suggested by the teens.

Teen Book Groups continue to grow with three new members in October. The book groups meet December 8th. The group for age 11 has renamed itself The SHAAAMI Readers (the initials of the members) and will discuss How Angel Peterson Got His Name at 9:30 am. The group for 12 and 13-year-olds is now the Peculiar Page Turners and will discuss Mortal Engines at 10:30 am. The High School group is now Oprah's Book Club Fight Club and will discuss Scythe at 1 pm.

The library has been given 20 free Magic the Gathering (MTG) card game sets and a kit on how to teach MTG to beginners. With these materials we will now host a new gaming program in the Teen Scene starting January 8th. Teens will meet the first Tuesday of the month afterschool until 4:30 pm to play Magic the Gathering.

On January 28th the first meeting of the Teen Advisory Board will take place after school from 3:30-4:30 pm. The group will recommend programming and purchases for the Teen Scene.

Book talks at various senior facilities continue to be very popular. We also bring books that can be checked out at the various facilities.

Movies are the first and third Monday of the month at 1 pm alternating newly released DVDs and classic films.

All library programs are free and open to the public

Operating Statement:

1. The Annual Appeal has accumulated \$4,955.00 so far.
2. Hope said that everything looks good for this time of year.
3. The Operating Statement was accepted.

Building & Grounds: -0-

Finance & Fundraising: -0-

Long Range Plan:

- Hope said that the CIP passed in the Budget Committee.
- On December 3 it will go to the Select Board and hopefully they will accept it.
- Two weeks after that it goes to a Bonding hearing.
- Marketing for the CIP was discussed. Hope will get a packet together for the Trustees in order that they all can speak on the project. This will include FAQs, brochures, letters, etc.
- Hope and Barbara will meet in January with the Exeter Women's Club.
- Martha will contact the residents of the Mill.
- Leslie will contact PEA.
- Laura will contact the Rotary, Main Street and Lincoln Street Schools.
- Denise and Mary will contact River Woods and the Chamber of Commerce.

Personnel and Policy:

- Martha passed out a revised procedure for the director's evaluation including the timeline and the evaluation form. She suggested that this next evaluation be considered a pilot; Trustees will do the evaluation and then comment on parts to delete or parts to add. Hope has emailed her goals for the year.
- Trustees will fill out the evaluation using these goals and return the completed copy to the library no later than January 1, 2019.

Social:

- Jean Grout is retiring as of December 1, 2018. There will be a party for her on December 7 from 11:30 am – 2 pm. The Trustees voted to get a gift and give it to her at the party.

Friends:

- The Friends are planning a babysitting affair to take place in January or February. Parents would sign up their children and the Friends would provide entertainment and food. This would give parents a time to go off by themselves.

Continuing Business: -0-

New Business: -0-

The next meeting will be January 15, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Pam Darlington